

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to memorialize and honor C.
Wendell Martin.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to memorialize and honor C. Wendell Martin.

Whereas, C. Wendell Martin was born in Rochester, Minnesota, on April 9, 1917. He grew up in northwest Indiana and graduated from high school in Lebanon. In 1939, he graduated from DePauw University as a Rector Scholar and went on to earn a J.D. degree from Columbia University School of Law in New York;

Whereas, Wendell Martin served four years in Europe during World War II, becoming a Captain in the Parachute Infantry. He was later a company commander in the Indiana National Guard from 1950 to 1953;

Whereas, Mr. Martin was a lawyer in general practice for over fifty years, specializing in litigation. He was a Deputy Prosecutor in Marion County, earning the distinction of Chief Trial Deputy from 1947 to 1952. Mr. Martin served as General Counsel and Vice-President of Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance Company for many years. He retired from the firm of Martin, Wade, Hartley, and Hollingsworth;



Whereas, in addition to being President of the Indianapolis Bar Association, he served as President of the downtown Kiwanis Club, the Indianapolis Lawyers Club, Meridian Hills Country Club, the Central Indiana DePauw Alumni Association, and the Rector Scholar Alumni Association at DePauw;

Whereas, maintaining involvement in his community, Mr. Martin also served as a director on many boards: the Advisory Committee of Marion County, the Indianapolis Senior Citizens Center, the National DePauw Alumni Association, and the Contemporary Club. He served as District Secretary for Beta Theta Pi, his college fraternity. In 1959, Governor Harold Handley named Mr. Martin a Sagamore of the Wabash;

Whereas, Mr. Martin was also very involved in his church, community. At Second Presbyterian Church, he served as a ruling elder, a deacon, a Sunday School teacher, and in the stewardship campaign. He also served as director on the boards of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis and the Englishton Presbyterian Center;

Whereas, Wendell Martin was elected to the Indiana Senate in 1962 and served for twelve years. During his tenure, Mr. Martin was instrumental in the passage of the bill that sold the Second Presbyterian Church downtown to the State and cleared the way for the completion of the World War I Memorial. He served as President Pro Tempore and Republican Majority Leader from 1959-1960; and

Whereas, Mr. Martin passed away on December 14, 2005 in Bryan, Ohio. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth (Libby) Meeker Martin; three children, Professor David A. Martin, Connie (Mrs. Stanley G.) Tipton, and Dr. Frederic M. Martin; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes and honors C.
2 Wendell Martin for his lifetime achievements. He made substantial
3 contributions to his community that will not soon be forgotten.

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to his wife, Elizabeth Meeker Martin,
6 and his three children, Professor David A. Martin, Mrs. Stanley G.
7 Tipton, and Dr. Frederic M. Martin.

